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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION--YOUNG VISIT BARBADOS

1. TUESDAY A.M. MEDIA GAVE HEAVY PLAY YOUNG VISIT BRIDGETOWN. ALL MORNING RADIO BROADCASTS CARRIED FULL TEXT MONDAY NIGHT ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND MORNING ADVOCATE-NEWS GAVE APPROXIMATELY 30 COL-INCHES TO FRONTPAGE STORY AND PIXD PLUS INSIDE-PAGE EDITORIAL.

2. UNDER 4-COL PI YOUNG AT AIRPORT WITH BARBADOS FOREIGN MINISTER HENRY FORDE AND U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANK ORTIZ, ADVOCATE STORY WAS HEADED "YOUNG ARRIVES FOR TALKS". STORY GAVE STRAIGHTFORWARD ACCOUNT OF ARRIVAL, QUOTED FROM ARRIVAL STATEMENT, ND LISTED COMPLETE SCHEDULES AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YOUNG. SIDEBAR STORY HEADED "UNION WELCOMES AMBASSADOR YOUNGOZ REPORTE BARBADSO WORKERS UNHAD "EXTENDED A CORDIAL WELCOME TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG," AND SAID UN ON "ENDORSES THE FORTHRIGHTNESS WITH THICH TE LOOKED AT THE PROBLEM IN SOUTHERNAFRICA.

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3. EDITORIALY, ADVOCATE-NEWSSAID, "JIMMY CARTER HAS EXPRESSED THE INTENTION OF ISING REL TIONS AND COMMITMENTS BETWEEN THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA" UNDER HEADING "ANDREW YOUNG'S VISIT WELCOME."

4. AFTER LISTING HIGHPOINTS YOUNG CAREER, ADVOCATE SAID,
"MR. YOUNG'S ASSUMES
SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE WHEN IT
IS REALISED THAT HE WAS HAND PICKED BY PRESIDENT CARTER
FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. INTENT IN THE UNDEVELOPED
CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA.5

5. CONTINUING, EDITORIAL SAID, "MR. YOUNG IS NO STRANGER TO
BARBADOS. HE VISITED THE ISLAND IN 1969 AND GAVE A SERIES
OF LECTURES AT THE CENTRE
FOR MULTI-RACIAL STUDIES, UWI, AND
A PUBLIC LECTURE AT THE UNITY HOUSE PREMISES OF THE BARBADOS
WORKER UNION. HIS FEARLESS CHAMPIONING OF THE CAUSE OF
BLACKS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS STRUGGLE IDENTIFIES WHERE HE
STANDS AND WILL REINFORCE IN THE MINDS OF BARBADIANS HIS
ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND RELATE TO THEIR PROBLEMS."

6. IN CONCLUSION, ADVOCATE SAID, "TODAY'S HISTORIC MEETINGS
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND OFFICIALS OF BARBADOS AND MR. ANDREW YOUNG
AUGUR WELL FOR BETTER FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND HIS AND A DEEPENING OF MUTUAL
RESPECT ON BOTH SIDES."
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